Airport Users Fee

350. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA:
PROF. P.J. KURIEN:
SHRI P.C. THOMAS :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to withdraw airport users fee levied at Calicut airport particularly from pilgrims; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) and (b) District Collector & Secretary, Kerala State Haj Committee, Kozikode has sent a proposal for exempting Haj pilgrims from the levy of Users' Development Fee at Calicut airport. The proposal is under examination.

[Translation]

Projects Under CAPART in U.P.

351. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects cleared by "CAPART" in Uttar Pradesh particularly in Ghaziabad and Bulandsahar districts since its inception year-wise and district-wise;

(b) the details of the voluntary organisations in Uttar Pradesh location-wise which have been provided assistance through " CAPART" or which are proposed to be provided assistance in the near future; and

(c) the amount allocated, sanctioned and released to each of these organisations so far?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Wind Power Investment Policy

352. SHRI ANANT GUDHE : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated a fresh policy package to revive investment in the wind power sector to enable addition of another 10 MW to the existing capacity in the near future;

(b) if so, the details of the plan formulated and funding likely to be available for taking new project/completion of ongoing projects;

(c) the details of the investment made on harnessing wind energy and wind power actually generated so far-additional power likely to be added during the current year, and State-wise; and

(d) the most outstanding achievement under the wind power sector and major problems which need to be addressed seriously ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b) Several initiatives are being taken to accelerate commercial development of the wind power sector. Prospective investors, both in the private and public sector are being approached to take up wind power project. Business Meets and publicity compaigns are planned to attract investment to this sector. The States have been requested to announce conducive policies for commercial wind power development, and to evolve suitable mechanisms for expeditious clearance of commercial project. Financing norms of the Indian renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA), which provides soft loans for such projects, are being reviewed . Funds are available with IREDA under various international lines of credit to finance these project. Wind resource studies are being expanded. These measures are expected to bring about a capacity addition of about 100 MW in the near future.

(c) A total wind power capacity of 931 MW has been installed in the country so far. Except for 50 MW which has come up through demonstration project, the rest of the installed capacity is based on commercial projects. 30 MW has already been added during the current year, and another 50 MW is likely to be added during the remaining period of the year. Over 2.7 billion units have been fed to the respective state grids. State-wise installed capacity is given in the attached Statement.

(d) Rapid commercial development has been the most outstanding achievement, of this sector. The problem areas which are being addressed to increase wind power generation pertain to allotment of land at windy location; forestry clearance, where required; weak grids and inadequate power evacuation facilities; and lack of conducive policies in few States.

Statement

State-Wise Installed wind power capacity upto October, 1997

State	Installed Capacity (MW)
Tamil Nadu	692
Gujarat	154
Andhra Pradesh	56
Madhya Pradesh	11
Karnataka	10
Maharashtra	5
Kerala	2
Orissa	1
Total	931